

Remarks:

Applicants have carefully studied the final Examiner's Action mailed 06/07/2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 09/07/2007. The amendment appearing above and these explanatory remarks are believed to be responsive to the Action. Accordingly, this important patent application is now in condition for allowance.

To ensure a full response on the merits to the outstanding Office action, Applicants respond with centered headings and paragraphs numbered to correspond with the centered headings and paragraph numbering employed by the Office.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. Applicants acknowledge and thank the Office for removing the finality of the previous Office action.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

2. Applicants acknowledge the quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a).
3. Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunnleder in view of Hietanen. This rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of said claim 15.
4. Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunnleder in view of Rjornsson. This rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of said claim 18.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Applicants acknowledge and thank the Office for allowing claims 1 and 4-14, said claims being the only pending claims. A minor grammar correction that does not affect the scope of the claim has been made to claim 10.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicants acknowledge the Office's remarks concerning the references to Dunnleder, Rjornsson and Hietanen, which references have become moot in view of the cancellation of claims 15 and 18.

Conclusion

7. Applicants acknowledge that the outstanding Office action is a final rejection.
Applicants have complied with all outstanding requirements and a Notice of Allowance is therefore solicited.

Very respectfully,

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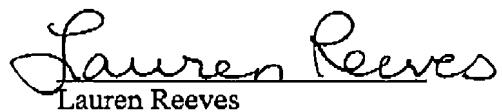
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